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SUBJ ILO-ILLNESS OF DIRECTOR GENERAL

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1. GB CHAIRMAN MUNOZ"LEDO TOLD LABATT THAT HE IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT PHYSICAL CONDITION ILO DG JENKS WHO IS STILL IN ROME HOSPITAL WHERE MUNOZ-LEDO SAW HIM SEPTEMBER 28 IN COMPANY WITH MRS JENKS. OFFICIAL STORY AT GENEVA ILO HEADQUARTERS AND ONE BEING PRESSED BY MRS. JENKS IS THAT DG'S CONDITION NOT SERIOUS AND SHORT REST WILL RESTORE HIM TO FULL WORK CAPACITY.

2. MUNOZ-LEDO DESCRIPTION OF JENKS CONDITION QUITE DIFFERENT. HE SAID JENKS EXTREMELY PALE AND DRAWN. CONTRARY TO JENKS' USUAL BRUSQUE, ALMOST RUDE, MANNER, HE CLASPED MUNOZ-LEDO'S HANDS DURING VISIT AND SEEMINGLY DIDN'T WANT HIM TO LEAVE. ALTHOUGH HIS VOICE SEEMED STRONG, HE DID NOT ALWAYS SPEAK COHERENTLY AND HE INTIMATED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO MUCH READING. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF A DEFINITE TIME FOR RETURN TO GENEVA. ALTHOUGH MUNOZ-LEDO THINKS THAT MRS. JENKS ATTEMPTED TO DISTRACT HIS ATTENTION WHILE WALKING THE HOSPITAL

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CORRIDORS, HE GLIMPSED A SIGN WHICH PUT JENKS' ROOM IN THE

CARDIOLOGICAL WING OF THE HOSPITAL.

3. MUNOZ-LEDO IS SUFFICIENTLY WORRIED ABOUT JENKS' CONDITION AND THE ABSENCE OF PRECISE MEDICAL INFORMATION THAT HE IS CONSIDERING A REQUEST BY GB OFFICERS FOR AN OFFICIAL MEDICAL REPORT ON HIS CONDITION. HE HAS CONSULTED THE ILO LEGAL ADVISOR CONCERNING POSSIBLE GB PROCEDURE FOR NAMING A TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT SHOULD JENKS BE INCAPACITATED FOR A LENGTHY PERIOD. HE BELIEVES THAT DURING A SHORT ABSENCE JENKS' DESIGNATION OF ABBAS AMMAR TO RUN THE OFFICE IS ACCEPTABLE, BUT FOR A PROTRACTED ABSENCE HE BELIEVES THAT THE GB SHOULD DECIDE. BASSIN

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